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SUBJ: MEETING SCHEDULED BETWEEN SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT AND
POTASH PRODUCERS; NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED BY POTASH
PRODUCERS

1. IN A CONVERSATION JULY 8, CANADIAN POTASH PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANSBROUGH CONFIRMED A RUMOR THAT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT CARPENTER HAD WRITTEN TO SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER BLAKENEY SUGGESTING MEETING AND CONTINUED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS SASKATCHEWEN GOVERNMENT RESPONDED IN POSITIVE FASHION. BLAKENEY REFERRED REQUEST TO MINERAL RESOURCE MINISTER WHALEN WHO HAS AGREED MEET WITH GROUP OF PRODUCERS ON AUGUST 9.
2. WANSBROUGH SEES AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE "LIGHT AT THE END OF A VERY LONG TUNNEL" AS IN PAST SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT HAS IGNORED REQUESTS FOR MEETING OR HAS CANCELED THEM. HE FEELS THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AS ALL COMPANIES BUT ONE HAVE MADE FULL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.
3. AFTER LONG DEBATE, ASSOCIATION HAS DECIDED NOT TO PUBLICIZE FACT OF LETTER AND OF SCHEDULED MEETING BUT WILL PROBABLY GIVE INFORMATION IF ASKED BY THE PRESS.
4. ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON

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JULY 8, AT WHICH TIME PETER S. JACK, VICE PRESIDENT, CANADIAN

OPERATIONS,POTASH COMPANY OF AMERICA, SASKATOON, WILL REPLACE
JOHN CARPENTER OF HUDSON'S BAY AS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

5. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS ASKED WANSBROUGH FOR ASSOCIATION
REACTION TO ANTI-TRUST INDICTMENTS AND HOPES HAVE COMMENTS
TO REPORT FOLLOWING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.
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